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 MODULE
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 Applicant(s) make no admission that the documents are prior art to the present invention.
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DE 26 44 215 A1 Discloses a self-tapping screw (see Figures) with a leading flank angle value α of 9° to 13° and a trailing flank angle value β of $(90 - \alpha)^\circ$. The screw is pointless and has a relative large nominal diameter as compared with its depth of thread.

EP 0 709 259 A1 In English.

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